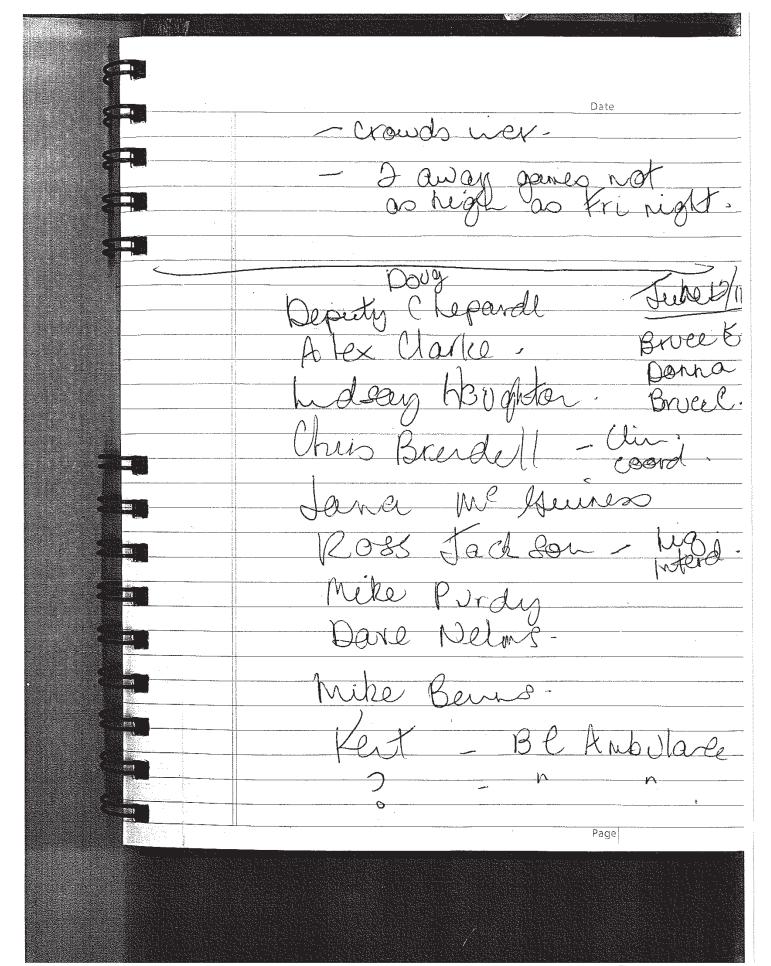
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From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Thursday, June 16, 2011 1:42 PM

To: Subject: Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX; Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX RE: Media Request - Vancouver Sun

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No need to elaborate.

From: Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX

Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 1:38 PM

To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX **Cc:** Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: RE: Media Request - Vancouver Sun

Hi Bruce. It's gone forward to the MO. Reporter was wondering if it was the VPD or us. In that context it's probably OK not to elaborate.

Cindy Stephenson

Policy, Planning and Communications Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Email: <u>Cindy.Stephenson@gov.bc.ca</u>

New Phone Number: 250 952-5761

New Location: 4th floor, 3350 Douglas Street, Victoria BC

From: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 1:34 PM -

To: Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX **Cc:** Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: RE: Media Request - Vancouver Sun

Do we want to make the distinction between GLS and LRS.

Bruce Edmundson

Deputy General Manager

Compliance and Enforcement Division Liquor Control and Licensing Branch

phone: 250 952 7037

website www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/lclb

From: Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX

Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 11:51 AM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX; Bieller, Barry SG:EX

Cc: Caldwell, Cheryl Y SG:EX; Rowsell, Terry N SG:EX

Subject: Media Request - Vancouver Sun

Importance: High

Date/Time:

16/June/10:30am

Deadline:

ASAP

Media:

Vancouver Sun

Reporter:

Evan Duggan, 604 605-2297, eduggan@vancouversun.com

Topic:

Liquor Service Issues - Downtown Vancouver

Background: Reporter notes that many outlets sold booze to people all day long which fuelled the riots. He has spoken to Ian Tostenson with the BC Restaurant and Foodservices Assoc.

Questions:

Who is in charge of liquor store closures?

Is it time to revisit or think about closing restaurants and bars during big events?

Do you feel confident that licensees were managing their liquor sales/service obligations properly?

Is there going to be a review of what happened?

What does the LCLB think went wrong?

What does LCLB think needs to be done to move forward?

Suggested Response:

- The authority to order early closure rests solely with the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch general manager under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act.
- It's too early to

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- Like all other agencies with a related role or responsibility, we will be receiving information and feedback from staff and others.
- Once we have a clear picture we will assess what steps we took and consider what steps may be taken in future for these types of events.
- We are committed to working with our partners to do what we can to make sure similar events aren't repeated.

From:

Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX

Sent:

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 4:29 PM

To:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Douglas, Marc

SG:EX

Subject:

RE: FYI -- All quiet on liquor closure front

Thanks Karen. Will give heads up to Tasha and Donna in case we get any media calls.

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 4:27 PM

To: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX

Subject: RE: FYI -- All quiet on liquor closure front

Thanks. I think that everyone was expecting the closures – that's certainly the response that staff who delivered the letters received from the stores. It does present more of a challenge for the police, as those coming into the core will be more motivated to BYOB.

We have had a few questions about liquor off-sales and whether they were shut down as well. They are not, but we do have a contingency plan in place so that if one or more off-sales become a problem, we will be able to act quickly to close that location.

Karen

From: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 4:17 PM

To: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Pecknold, Clayton SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX

Subject: FYI -- All quiet on liquor closure front

Surprisingly quiet today on the Liquor Store Closure matter, no media calls on it at all. Media were more interested in the Minister commenting on police preparations and we had a question on the overall increase in liquor sales revenue on game days.

From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 9:49 AM

To: Subject: LCLB-ALL STAFF Early Store Closures

Hi all.

Liquor stores in downtown Vancouver are closing early again today. Donna Lister, Mark Lavalee and Bruce Clark delivered the letters yesterday afternoon. Attached for your information is a link to the main PSSG ministry website, and statements Minister Bond issued regarding this on Monday and Tuesday.

http://www.gov.bc.ca/pssg/index.html

Cheers,

Karen Ayers Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (250) 952-5791

From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 2:21 PM

To:

'LePard, Doug'; 'CHU, Jim'

Cc:

Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX; Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Subject:

FW: Corrected Letter

Attachments:

Downtown Vancouver Licensee Letter dated Jun 14 corrected (Early Closure Jun 15 for

Hockey Playoffs).pdf

FYI

From: Meseyton, Robert SG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 2:12 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Subject: Corrected Letter

Karen,

This file name indicates "corrected" in it.

Robert Meseyton, BCom (Hon)

Acting Executive Administrative Assistant to Karen Ayers, Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager Liquor Control and Licensing Branch

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

4th Floor, 3350 Douglas Street

Phone: 250-952-5777

Email: Robert.Meseyton@gov.bc.ca

Please consider the environment before printing this email.



June 14, 2011

Dear Licensee.

Further to my letter of June 13, 2011, large capacity crowds are expected again tomorrow evening in the downtown core of Vancouver to attend public events spaces and to view the final game of the Stanley Cup series. Based on the experience during the series, and the information provided to me, I have concluded that there is a real and serious threat to public safety tomorrow evening from public consumption, intoxication levels and public disorder that would be facilitated by the purchase of liquor from liquor retail outlets in the area,

The early closure of both public and private liquor stores last evening was one of a number of strategies employed to minimize access and consumption of alcohol on the streets, and to address the public safety risks. By all accounts, the early closure of liquor stores had a significant and positive impact on consumption, intoxication levels and public disorder.

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Government liquor stores will close voluntarily at 4 p.m. as well.

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Licensee Page 2

Please be assured that I am acutely aware of the sales and business impacts an earlier closure has on your licensee retail store business and on your customers, however I must balance that consideration with the overriding need to protect public safety and the public interest in the sale and consumption of liquor.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Ayers,

Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager

Yaletown Liquor Store

pc:

Bruce Edmundson, Deputy General Manager, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Donna Lister, Vancouver Regional Manager, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Doug Lepard, Deputy Chief of Operations, Vancouver Police Department Will Johnston, Chief Licence Inspector, City of Vancouver

Jay Chambers, General Manager, Liquor Distribution Branch
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Crosstown Liquor Store
Denman Place Wines
Dover Arms Liquor Store
Jimmy's Cold Beer and Wine Store
Liberty Wines
Sheraton Vancouver Fine Spirits
Spirit of Howe Beer and Wine
St. Regis Fines Wines and Spirits
Steamworks Licensee Retail Store
Sutton Place Wine Merchant
Viti Wine and Lagers

From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 2:03 PM

To:

Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX

Subject:

RE: Lig Stores

We did not close off sales last year for the Olympics, and it was not a problem. The demographic that tend to fuel, refuel, get intoxicated and act irresponsibly don't appear to have, at least so far, much knowledge that they can purchase through off sales. We are trying to have as little impact on businesses as possible.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 1:51 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: Liq Stores

Question that I have been asked is why does this not apply to "off sales"?

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Not sure what you want to do vis a vis the media. Expect they will find out by mid-afternoon from one of the LRS who receives a letter.

Karen

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Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 8:36 AM

To: Douglas, Marc SG:EX Cc: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX Subject: RE: Liq Stores

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In Consultation With Vancouver PD

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Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 1:29 PM

To: LePard, Doug

Subject: RE: voice message

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One further point – although 8th and Cambie is not on the list I expect you would like that closed at 8 pm tomorrow – same rationale re post game access as last evening?

In Consultation With Vancouver PD

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To: LePard, Doug; CHU, Jim

Cc: Lister, Donna O SG:EX; Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject: Store Closures **Importance:** High

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Karen Ayers Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (250) 952-5791

From: Sent: Chambers, Jay LDB:EX

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 1:14 PM

To:

Avers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject:

RE: Liq Stores

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FYI

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Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 12:41 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Cc:Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX; Meseyton, Robert SG:EXSubject:FW: FOR REVIEW: Minister's statement. ASAP

Attachments: LCLB - Statement - Game 6 crowd - June 14, 2011.doc

For your approval

Cindy Stephenson

Policy, Planning and Communications Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Email: Cindy.Stephenson@gov.bc.ca

New Phone Number: 250 952-5761

New Location: 4th floor, 3350 Douglas Street, Victoria BC

From: Cournoyer, Vince GCPE:EX **Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2011 12:39 PM

To: Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX

Subject: FOR REVIEW: Minister's statement. ASAP

Cindy, please have Karen have a look at this. I yellowed a section that I'm hoping she can better articulate. Need asap.

Thnaks... V

Vince Cournoyer Public Affairs Officer Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General 250 387-0520 250 413-7326 (cell)



STATEMENT

For Immediate Release [release number] June 14, 2011 Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor
General

Crowd behaviour following Game 6

VICTORIA – Solicitor General Shirley Bond issued the following statement today following the decision by the general manager of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch to order the early closure of liquor stores in downtown Vancouver on Monday, June 13, 2011.

"Yesterday, the general manager of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch concluded there was a real and serious threat to public safety from the public consumption of alcohol, intoxication levels and public disorder that has been accompanying Vancouver Canucks' Stanley Cup final games.

"Given the threat to public safety, the general manager ordered 13 public and private liquor stores in downtown Vancouver to close early.

"I'm pleased to hear that Vancouver police reported that crowds were well-behaved with relatively few problems. Officers monitoring the Granville Mall noted a significant reduction in open liquor and a reduced number of liquor pour-outs. This led to a more positive atmosphere overall and fewer disturbances.

"The decision whether to order the early closure of liquor outlets is made on a day-to-day basis by the general manager of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch. This decision is made with input from provincial liquor enforcement staff, the Vancouver Police Department, the BC Ambulance Service and Vancouver Coastal Health

"The general manager continues to assess the situation and will arrive at a decision concerning liquor store hours on Wednesday, June 15.

We are confident that British Columbians will show the world that we know how to come together in a safe and responsible manner."

Contact: Name Title Ministry Ph. #

Ayers,	Karen	J	SG	:EX
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From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 11:19 AM

To:

Meseyton, Robert SG:EX

Subject:

draft letter

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Sincerely, Etc.

Karen Ayers Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (250) 952-5791

From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 10:15 AM

To:

Chambers, Jay LDB:EX

Subject:

RE: Store Closures

It was the police who requested the closure because of large crowds. My information is that the crowds had dispersed by the time the closure was undertaken, so the closure likely was not necessary.

From: Chambers, Jay LDB:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 9:52 AM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Subject: RE: Store Closures

Thanks Karen - fyi I was just advised that when we closed down 8th and Cambie there were only 3 customers in the store. At what time did your staff say there was a problem?

Jay

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 8:28 AM

To: Chambers, Jay LDB:EX Subject: RE: Store Closures

Based on what I know so far I would expect that to be the case. A final decision will be made once I hear back from the VPD and LCLB staff this morning as to whether the closures had a significant and positive impact. I expect it did, but will make the decision on the basis of the full and complete information. Will get back to you asap this morning.

From: Chambers, Jay LDB:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 7:16 AM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Subject: Store Closures

Hi Karen I am being asked if the stores in DT Vancouver will be closing at 4:00 pm tomorrow due to the hockey game. The concern of course is staffing costs.

As tomorrow is game 7 and it is in Vancouver is your direction going to be to close them at 4:00 pm?

Thanks

Jay

In Consultation With Vancouver PD

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX [mailto:Karen.Ayers@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 10:14 AM

To: LePard, Doug

Cc: Houghton, Lindsey; McGuinness, Jana; CHU, Jim; Nelmes, Dave; Purdy, Mike; Lemcke, Warren; Palmer, Adam;

Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX; Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Subject: RE: liquor closures

Thanks Doug. This is comprehensive and very helpful. Will get back to you asap.

Karen

From:

Sent:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Tuesday, June 14, 2011 2:11 PM Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX; Cournoyer, Vince GCPE:EX FW: liquor closures To:

Subject:

Under Consultation with Vancouver PD

From:

Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent:

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 8:54 AM

To:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject:

Re: In case you didn't see this re overcrowding at 2 LP's

And I should add that all the police officers we talked to last night were very very happy with the closures, all said it made a huge difference. I also found out that the complaint from transit police about the 8th and Cambie GLS was over an hour old when I got it

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 08:48 AM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Subject: RE: In case you didn't see this re overcrowding at 2 LP's

YES!

From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 8:48 AM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Re: In case you didn't see this re overcrowding at 2 LP's

Very, but it will be all over tomorrow nite. Hopefully on a positive note!

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 08:45 AM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Subject: RE: In case you didn't see this re overcrowding at 2 LP's

Thanks. You must be tired

From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 8:45 AM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Re: In case you didn't see this re overcrowding at 2 LP's

We heard last night that the fire department had observed overcrowding, we will be requesting their reports

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

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Emergency staff praise well-behaved crowds

The Province

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Page A09 By Ethan Baron

I don't believe in jinxes. So, with the Stanley Cup final down to Game 7 right here in Vancouver on Wednesday, I'll go ahead and tell you what emergency personnel have been saying: Hockey crowds have so far behaved very well.

Vancouver police spokeswoman Const. Jana McGuinness must not believe in jinxes either. I asked her if the highest-stakes-of-all game on Wednesday was going to put police on a heightened footing.

"We're prepared for anything," McGuinness said.

McGuinness has reason to express confidence, and risk that potential famous-last-words evaluation of the force's level of preparation. Although public drinking has been rampant -Vancouver and transit cops poured out liquor nearly 3,000 times on Game 5 night Friday -police have had no serious incidents related to the Cup, McGuinness said.

"We've seen relatively few problems apart from the open drinking," McGuinness said. "We've been very busy with street disorder. We're dealing with alcohol-fuelled fights in the later hours of the night."

The level of mayhem, however, has not been drastically different from that occurring on some summer nights in the downtown entertainment district, McGuinness said.

When 100,000 revellers took to the streets Friday, police arrested 24 people and issued 120 tickets. Some of those apprehended and cited had been fighting, but McGuinness could not provide a specific number related to violent incidents.

The 5 p.m. start times have had a positive effect on the downtown atmosphere, said Vancouver police crowd-control unit Sgt. Matt Clarke. "It makes a more diverse crowd, all ages, and it's more fun," Clarke said. "You get families coming down. There's genuine excitement about the hockey."

Paramedics have been attending to a variety of medical issues among Cup throngs, said B.C. Ambulance Service spokeswoman Kristy Anderson.

"What we've been seeing are what you sort of normally see in crowds: the slips and falls, rolled ankles on the sidewalks, sick people, fainting," Anderson said.

"We really have been seeing great crowds and people have generally been well-behaved. It's been a good experience for us."

Proprietors of two Granville Street nightclubs behaved quite badly, according to the Vancouver Fire Department. Both had received verbal warnings after fire inspectors found their premises over legal capacity on the night of the first Cup game June 1.

On Friday night, inspectors found the two clubs had almost double the number of permitted patrons, said Les Sziklai, deputy chief of fire prevention for the Vancouver Fire Department. "One of [the proprietors] said, 'Well, uh, a bunch of people came and they wanted to come in. How could I turn them down?" Sziklai said. "It was unacceptable."

The club owners face fines up to \$100,000, he said.

Wednesday, of course, could change the crowd dynamic significantly, particularly if Canuck fans' hopes for a Stanley Cup victory are crushed, and drunkenness and disappointment boil over into violence.

Police are hoping the Canucks take the Cup, though it would mean a very long night.

"With a win, it'll be dusk to dawn for crowds," McGuinness said Monday near the downtown outdoorviewing areas. "We'll be out here working till the sun comes up."

Karen Ayers

Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager

Liquor Control and Licensing Branch

(250) 952-5791

From:

Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent:

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 8:46 AM

To: Subject: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Re: Store closures

Absolutely

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 08:45 AM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX
Cc: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX
Subject: RE: Store closures

I realize there would be other factors (such as the Canuck loss) that would influence the behaviour of the crowd, but from your perspective the closures had a significant and positive impact?

From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 8:41 AM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Subject: Re: Store closures

We observed that although there was almost as many people pre and post game, most did not appear to be intoxicated. We noted that the alleys did not have the numbers of people consuming. We did not see very many empty liquor containers on the street. Although many people left rogers and the large screen site and headed up to granville, it was less frenetic. It was also much easier to walk through the crowds.

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 08:31 AM

To: 'LePard, Doug' < doug.lepard@vpd.ca>; Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Cc: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX **Subject**: Store closures

Good morning. Could you please provide me with information from last night, such as liquor pour outs, SIPP arrests, observed levels of intoxication, disorder and violence, etc – whatever information would be relevant so that I can make a decision as early as possible today regarding possible closures for tomorrow night's game. Although I would expect that the closures had a significant and positive effect based on my understanding so far, data or information from you folks would confirm or refute that. Thanks.

Karen Ayers

Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager

Liquor Control and Licensing Branch

(250) 952-5791

In Consultation With Vancouver PD

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX [mailto:Karen.Ayers@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 08:36 AM

To: LePard, Doug

Cc: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX < Bruce. Edmundson@gov.bc.ca >; "Lister, "@Donna.O.SG:EX' < "Lister,"

"@Donna.O.SG:EX>; CHU, Jim; Purdy, Mike; Nelmes, Dave

Subject: RE: Store closures

Excellent – thanks. Is it possible to get any information from BC Ambulance – I don't have any contact information for the 2 call participants from Sunday.

In Consultation With Vancouver PD

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX [mailto:Karen.Ayers@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 08:31 AM

To: LePard, Doug; Lister, Donna O SG:EX <<u>Donna.Lister@gov.bc.ca</u>> **Cc**: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX <<u>Bruce.Edmundson@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: Store closures

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Karen Ayers Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (250) 952-5791

From:

Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Sent:

Monday, June 13, 2011 6:07 PM

To: Subject: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Re:

We did not formally request. I advised Donna to be prepared should the decision be to close. And Alex is with her and able to advise her colleagues.

---- Original Message ----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 05:57 PM

To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject: Re:

Yes - was somewhat of a crowd that has now dissipated. A bit of a concern as now we have asked police to facilitate closure when their resources could be better deployed elsewhere and the store staff will wonder why the closure before the planned 8 pm closure.

---- Original Message -----From: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 05:54 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Fw:

Sounds like a false alarm.

---- Original Message ----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 05:43 PM

To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject:

Its dead inside now, just did a walkthrough

From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Monday, June 13, 2011 6:06 PM

To:

Lister, Donna O SG:EX; Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject:

Re: GLS at 8th and Cambie

Excellent - thanks.

---- Original Message ----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 06:03 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Re: GLS at 8th and Cambie

8 police officers and 2 lclb types have assisted in the closure. The manager was very happy and grateful

---- Original Message -----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 05:54 PM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX Cc: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject: Re: GLS at 8th and Cambie

Too late I think as the Manager was already instructed to tell them to close.

---- Original Message -----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 05:53 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Re: GLS at 8th and Cambie

You are right, since there is nothing happening right now then I suppose closing is their choice at this time. Sorry, this info came to me via mike purdy, he was advised my transit police, the skytrain station is 1/2 block away.

---- Original Message -----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 05:49 PM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Subject: Re: GLS at 8th and Cambie

Well if there is no issue then why do they need to close???

---- Original Message -----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 05:48 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Re: GLS at 8th and Cambie

I just did a walkthrough and any crowd that was there is now gone. There should be no safety concerns to close but I will have alex contact mike purdy to assign a unit

---- Original Message -----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 05:46 PM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX; Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX; 'doug.lepard@vpd.ca' <doug.lepard@vpd.ca>

Subject: GLS at 8th and Cambie

Jay Chambers will have the store closed - but wants the police to help facilitate the closure. There is concern about the safety of staff.

Karen Ayers

S.22

From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Monday, June 13, 2011 5:53 PM

To: Subject: 'doug.lepard@vpd.ca' Re: GLS at 8th and Cambie

Thanks.

In Consultation With Vancouver PD

---- Original Message ----

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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 05:46 PM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX <Donna.Lister@gov.bc.ca>; Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

<Bruce.Edmundson@gov.bc.ca>; LePard, Doug

Subject: GLS at 8th and Cambie

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Karen Ayers

S.22

From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: To: Monday, June 13, 2011 5:10 PM Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject:

Re: Media Requests ~ MPSSG ~ June 13, 2011

Yes weird coverage. Not one I just watched got the story right. Good lesson in why not to trust media reports.

From: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 05:02 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Re: Media Requests ~ MPSSG ~ June 13, 2011

CBC tv keeps referring to it as the SG's decision.

One LRS outside area (the Astoria) called to say someone had phoned it and told them they had to close. We double checked and it is outside. They were called back and advised that absent any hand delivered letter there were no changes to their license.

Another saying he was from Steamworks called and asked if they were going to be closed. Cindy called the head office and the store and no one had placed any such call. The letter was issued shortly thereafter.

May be a mischief maker.

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 04:30 PM

To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject: Fw: Media Requests ~ MPSSG ~ June 13, 2011

Lots of media inquiries.

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 04:29 PM

To: Cournoyer, Vince GCPE:EX; Haltner, Christine GCPE:EX; Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Bill, Karen F SG:EX; Denlinger, Becky SG:EX; Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX; Karn, David GCPE:EX; Leek, Claire SG:EX; Li, Jessica P GCPE:EX; McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX; Murry, Karen GCPE:EX; Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Leibel, Norm SG:EX; Sturko, Derek MCF:EX; Lapointe, Lisa SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Steinbach, Christopher G SG:EX; Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX; Murphy, Bernadette GCPE:EX; Ryan, Fergus GCPE:EX

Subject: Media Requests ~ MPSSG ~ June 13, 2011

Vancouver Sun (Laura Kane)

CBC (Terry Donnelly)

CBC (Jeff Davies)

CBC (Mike Lanala)

CBC (Daniel Hallen)
CKWX (Dan Burritt)
CKNW (Terry Shintz)
Province (Cassidy Olivier)
Globe and Mail (Sonny Dhillon)
24 Hours (Stephanie Ip)
CTV.ca (Ian Munroe)
Georgia Straight (Stephen Thomson)
ISSUE: 4pm Closure of downtown Vancouver liquor stores. Requested confirmation of this and the rationale.
STATUS: Minister statement sent to reporters. The Liquor Control and Licensing Branch received information from, and consulted with, provincial liquor enforcement staff, Vancouver Police, the BC Ambulance Service and Vancouver Coastal Health. The general manager of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch has concluded there is a real and serious threat to public safety from the public consumption of alcohol, intoxication levels and public disorder. Therefore, the general manager has ordered that the six public and 13 private liquor stores in downtown Vancouver close at 4 p.m. today. This was done during the Olympics and there was an immediate reduction of alcohol-related violence and disorder.
CKPG TV (Ashley Morgan)
Non-Responsive
Non-Responsive
Tasha Schollen

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CBC (Sophie Rousseau)

Globe and Mail (Ian Bailey)

Government Communications and Public Engagement

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

From:

Meseyton, Robert SG:EX

Sent:

Monday, June 13, 2011 3:33 PM

To:

LCLB-ALL STAFF

Subject:

Vancouver LRS Closures

Attachments:

Downtown Vancouver Licensee Letter (Early Closure Jun 13 for Hockey Playoffs) Final No

Cliff.docx.pdf

To All Staff,

I must apologize for my sending the previous email to you with the incorrect subject line "Draft Message to Staff".

While the text and the attachment are correct, the subject line should have read "Vancouver LRS Closures". I should have also made it clear that the message was being forwarded from Karen Ayers.

Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Robert Meseyton, BCom (Hon)

Acting Executive Administrative Assistant to Karen Ayers, Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager Liquor Control and Licensing Branch

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General 4th Floor, 3350 Douglas Street

Phone: 250-952-5777

Email: Robert.Meseyton@gov.bc.ca

Please consider the environment before printing this email.

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Given there is a real and serious threat to public safety this evening from public consumption, intoxication and disorder, I have ordered private liquor retail outlets in downtown Vancouver and the West End to close at 4 pm. Government liquor stores, VQA and independent wine stores are closing voluntarily at the same time.

I would like to thank C&E staff for their role, not only those working in the downtown core, but in communities throughout the province, for their role in helping to prevent liquor related issues throughout the playoffs.

Attached for your information is a copy of the letter we provided to private liquor stores.

From:

Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX

Sent:

Monday, June 13, 2011 2:22 PM

To:

Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX

Cc:

Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Cournoyer, Vince GCPE:EX

Subject:

RE: Bond orders early liquor store closures

Already done.

From: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 2:22 PM

To: Douglas, Marc SG:EX

Cc: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX; Cournoyer, Vince GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: Bond orders early liquor store closures

We are calling them to clarify that it was the GM's decision.

From: tno@gov.bc.ca [mailto:tno@gov.bc.ca] **Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2011 2:21 PM

To: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX

Subject: TNO: Bond orders early liquor store closures

CKNW

13-Jun-2011 14:00

News reader: Saying alcohol consumption reached an unacceptable level during Friday's game 5, BC's top cop is ordering all downtown liquor stores to close at four o'clock this afternoon.

Reporter: Solicitor General Shirley Bond points out there was an immediate drop in alcohol-related violence when the same thing was done last year during the Olympics. Bond says the decision to close liquor outlets early is made on a day-by-day basis. She adds the government is aware the move will inconvenience some people, but says protecting public safety is an overriding concern.

News reader: The operator of at least one private liquor store downtown not happy about having to close up early.

Reporter: The manager at Jimmy's private liquor store says she'll be closed at four o'clock. She would not speak on tape or give us her name, but says she's not happy about it.

The store is just a block away from Georgia Street, where thousands of people will gather to watch the game on outdoor TVs.

Liquor stores will lose thousands of dollars in revenue because of the closures.

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From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: To: Monday, June 13, 2011 2:03 PM Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX

Subject:

Re: Draft message to staff

I will send it out

From: Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 01:57 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: RE: Draft message to staff

Are you OK with sending it out immediately, and who should it come out from?

Cindy Stephenson

Policy, Planning and Communications Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Email: <u>Cindy.Stephenson@gov.bc.ca</u>

New Phone Number: 250 952-5761

New Location: 4th floor, 3350 Douglas Street, Victoria BC

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 1:52 PM

To: Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX; Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX; Bieller, Barry SG:EX

Subject: Re: Draft message to staff

Looks good.

From: Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 01:47 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX; Bieller, Barry SG:EX

Subject: Draft message to staff

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<< Downtown Vancouver Licensee Letter (Early Closure Jun 13 for Hockey Playoffs) Final No Cliff.docx.pdf>>

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June 13, 2011

Dear Licensee.

Large capacity crowds are expected this evening in the downtown core of Vancouver to attend public event spaces and celebrate the Vancouver Canucks Stanley Cup run. The Vancouver Police (VPD), my staff, and the BC Ambulance Service report escalating crowds and public disorder in an ascending scale since the hockey playoffs began. For this past Friday night's game VPD report 2,300 liquor pour outs and the Greater Vancouver Transit Authority report over 800 liquor pour outs.

VPD and my staff say the demographics of the crowds are younger and less family focussed leading up to, during and especially after the game than what was experienced during the Olympics. My staff have reported numerous and continuous incidents of impaired minors. Both agencies describe the crowds around liquor stores as chaotic. Especially troubling are incidents of bootlegging where liquor is being purchased from licensee retail stores and is immediately being resold to minors for public consumption.

The pre-game, game time, and post game purchases of liquor by those who have already consumed as a means to refuel is of significant concern. Police report impaired individuals going through the crowds and indiscriminately assaulting individuals. BC Ambulance Service reports that they were unable to do their work at the levels necessary due to the crowds and incidents of intoxication. VPD also report post game levels of gross intoxication and public disorder of the same nature that has led to violence in the past.

As a result of the above, I have concluded that there is a real and serious threat to public safety this evening from public consumption, intoxication levels and public disorder that would be facilitated by the purchase of liquor from liquor retail outlets in the area.

Authorities are employing various strategies to minimize access and consumption of alcohol on the streets, and to address the public safety risks. During the Olympics, by all accounts, the early closure of both public and private liquor stores had a significant and positive impact on consumption, intoxication levels and public disorder when there was an equivalent risk to public safety. Arguably the risk may now be even greater.

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Mailing Address: PO Box 9292 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9J8

Telephone: 250 952-5787 Facsimile: 250 952-7066 Location:

Fourth Floor, 3350 Douglas Street Victoria, BC V8Z 3L1

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Licensee Page 2

Under section 6 of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, the General Manager has a statutory duty to supervise the conduct of all licensed establishments. Under section 23 of the Act, the General Manager may suspend or impose conditions on a licence for a period not exceeding 24 hours if, in the opinion of the General Manager, it is in the public interest to do so. Based on the information provided to me, I have concluded that it is in the public interest to close liquor retail stores early, consequently I am imposing a condition on your retail store licence that the store must close at 4 p.m. on Monday, June 13th, 2011, rather than 11 p.m. as indicated on your liquor licence.

Government Liquor Stores will close voluntarily at 4 p.m. as well.

As there is a continuing need to ensure protection of public safety and the public interest, I will be making an ongoing assessment as to whether an earlier closing of stores or other conditions are warranted over the remainder of the Stanley Cup series.

Please be assured that I am acutely aware of the sales and business impacts an earlier closure has on your licensee retail business and on your customers, however I must balance that consideration with the overriding need to protect public safety and the public interest in the sale and consumption of liquor.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Ayers,

Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager

pc: Bruce Edmundson, Deputy General Manager, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Donna Lister, Vancouver Regional Manager, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Doug Lepard, Deputy Chief of Operations, Vancouver Police Department Will Johnston, Chief Licence Inspector, City of Vancouver

Jay Chambers, General Manager, Liquor Distribution Branch
Coal Harbour Liquor Store
Crosstown Liquor Store
Denman Place Wines
Dover Arms Liquor Store
Jimmy's Cold Beer and Wine Store
Liberty Wines
Sheraton Vancouver Fine Spirits
Spirit of Howe Beer and Wine
St. Regis Fines Wines and Spirits
Steamworks Licensee Retail Store
Sutton Place Wine Merchant
Viti Wine and Lagers
Yaletown Liquor Store

From: Sent:

Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX

Jen

Monday, June 13, 2011 1:40 PM

To:

Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Wanamaker, Lori

SG:EX

Cc:

Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX

Subject:

RE: VPD asking us to issue a statement

Statement has now been sent to:

CKNW

- Vancouver SunCBC Radio

From: Douglas, Marc SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 1:38 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX

Cc: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX

Subject: Re: VPD asking us to issue a statement

Let's send out at 2pm.

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 01:37 PM

To: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX

Cc: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX

Subject: Re: VPD asking us to issue a statement

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From: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 01:34 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Douglas, Marc SG:EX

Cc: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX

Subject: VPD asking us to issue a statement

Unfortunately, LDB posted a notice to their website informing their customers that they would be closing their downtown stores at 4 pm, and they attributed it as due to a request from the VPD. They've since corrected that but VPD is asking that we put out a statement to clarify who's decision it was to shut stores down early, as they have received 20 to 30 calls. I know we wanted to avoid doing a proactive release in advance, but the horse has left the barn. I suggest we just send out the Minister's Statement to Vancouver media.

<u>Statement from Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General regarding the closure of Downtown</u> Vancouver Liquor Stores at 4p.m. today:

It is incredible to see the province come together to cheer-on our Canucks. Last Friday, there was an estimated 100,000 people gathered in downtown Vancouver and that number is expected to increase following tonight's game. Unfortunately, alcohol consumption on the streets and public intoxication reached an unacceptable level

on Friday and we have a responsibility to ensure everyone can enjoy public events and celebrations in a safe manner.

The Liquor Control and Licensing Branch received information from, and consulted with, provincial liquor enforcement staff, Vancouver Police, the BC Ambulance Service and Vancouver Coastal Health. The general manager of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch has concluded there is a real and serious threat to public safety from the public consumption of alcohol, intoxication levels and public disorder. Therefore, the general manager has ordered that the 6 public and 13 private liquor stores in downtown Vancouver close at 4 p.m. today. This was done during the Olympics and there was an immediate reduction of alcohol-related violence and disorder.

The decision to close liquor outlets early is made on a day-by-day basis and the decision is not taken lightly. We are aware of the inconvenience for customers and the impact on the businesses that must close early. However, protecting public safety must be our overriding concern.

Police will be out early to meet the crowds coming into the downtown core. Officers will be concentrating on liquor enforcement at SkyTrain stations, the Georgia Street fan zone and in the Granville Entertainment District throughout the evening.

Let's show the world once again that British Columbians know how to celebrate in a safe and responsible manner.

From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Monday, June 13, 2011 12:35 PM

To: Subject: Lister, Donna O SG:EX RE: Store Addresses

Good thanks

From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 12:27 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX **Subject:** RE: Store Addresses

Thanks Karen, we will be heading out shortly. I will advise you when we are done

Danna Lister

Vancouver Regional Manager SPC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Compliance and Enforcement Division

Ph: 604-775-0075 fax: 604-775-0044 donna.lister@gov.bc.ca

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 12:07 PM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX **Subject:** FW: Store Addresses

Not sure if it helps but here's the address list from last time round.

From: Ayers, Karen J HSD:EX

Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2010 11:39 AM

To: 'mike.serr@vpd.ca' **Subject:** Fw: Store Addresses

Mike - in case you need them the list with addresses from yesterday is below (just make sure it's today's letter that's delivered not the one below as that letter is dated yesterday). Thanks.

From: Ayers, Karen J HSD:EX

To: 'Lemcke, Warren' <warren.lemcke@vpd.ca>

Cc: Edmundson, Bruce HSD:EX; Noorani, Shahid HSD:EX; 'Windsor, Barb' < barb.windsor@vancouver.ca>; Chambers,

Jay LDB:EX; Lister, Donna O HSD:EX **Sent**: Fri Feb 26 09:18:02 2010

Subject: RE: Stores

Warren – thanks for assisting by delivering the letters. Attached is the closure letter, and a list of licensees and addresses, to facilitate delivery.

<<LRS Licensees and addresses.docx>> <<Closure Notification 2.26.2010 - planned.pdf>>

Karen Ayers

From: Ayers, Karen J HSD:EX

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 9:00 AM

To: Lister, Donna O HSD:EX; Noorani, Shahid HSD:EX; 'Lemcke, Warren'; 'Windsor, Barb'; Chambers, Jay LDB:EX

Cc: Edmundson, Bruce HSD:EX

Subject: Stores Importance: High

Stores will be closing at 7 this evening.

Warren: are your staff able to assist by delivering the letters to the 15 LRS? Our staff aren't scheduled to start shift until 5 pm so we would need to call some of them in early.

Karen Ayers

Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager

Liquor Control and Licensing Branch

(250) 387-9131

From:

Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX

Sent:

Monday, June 13, 2011 12:29 PM Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

To: Subject:

FW: FOR APPROVAL: IN_Store Hours

Attachments:

LCLB - Early Liquor Stores Closure - June 13, 2011.doc

Importance:

High

Cindy Stephenson

Policy, Planning and Communications Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Email: <u>Cindy.Stephenson@gov.bc.ca</u>

New Phone Number: 250 952-5761

New Location: 4th floor, 3350 Douglas Street, Victoria BC

From: Cournoyer, Vince GCPE:EX **Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2011 12:28 PM

To: Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX

Subject: FOR APPROVAL: IN_Store Hours

Vince Cournoyer Public Affairs Officer Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General 250 387-0520 250 413-7326 (cell)

ADVICE TO MINISTER

CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Date: June 13, 2011

Minister Responsible: Hon. Shirley Bond

DRAFT Vancouver Liquor Store Early Closure

SUGGESTED RESPONSES:

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- Last Friday, there was an estimated 100,000 people gathered in downtown Vancouver and that number is expected to increase following tonight's game.
- Last Friday, alcohol consumption on the streets, public intoxication and public disorder reached an unacceptable level
- We have a responsibility to do what we can to make sure everyone, especially families with children, are able to join the festivities in our public places and be safe while they celebrate.
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- I fully support that decision.
- This was done during the Olympics and there was an immediate reduction of alcohol-related violence and disorder.
- The decision to close liquor outlets early is done on a day-byday basis.
- This is decision is not taken lightly.
- We are aware of the impact on the businesses that must close early, however protecting public safety must be our overriding concern.
- Police will be out early to meet the crowds coming into the downtown core.
- Officers will be concentrating on liquor enforcement at SkyTrain stations, the Georgia Street fan zone and in the Granville Entertainment District throughout the evening.
- Let's show the world once again that British Columbians know how to celebrate.

ADVICE TO MINISTER

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BACKGROUND:

The general manager of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, after speaking with the Vancouver Police Department, reps from BC Ambulance Service and St Paul's Hospital, is ordering all liquor stores in downtown Vancouver and the West End to close at 4 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2011 – both public and private stores.

The authority to order early closure rests solely with the general manager under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act

The decision to adjust store hours is made under section 23 of the Liquor Control and Licensing Act which gives the General Manager of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch the power to temporarily suspend or impose conditions on a liquor licence for up to 24 hours where it is in the interest of public safety to do so.

The decision to order liquor stores to reduce their hours is made on a day-to-day basis.

During the Olympics the general manager exercised the authority to temporarily alter the terms and conditions of licensee retail stores by ordering them to close early on four days.

Process for altering the terms and conditions of licensee retail stores:

If, based on information from local liquor inspectors and/or the VPD, the LCLB general manager determines that an extraordinary situation exists where public safety is at risk and reducing the hours of liquor retailers in downtown Vancouver will help protect public safety, she will draft a written notice of the change of the terms and conditions of the liquor licence and local inspectors will hand-deliver the letter to each liquor retailer that is affected.

The temporary change to liquor store hours of operation will be in effect for that day only. The general manager will assess the situation on a daily basis to decide if public safety remains in jeopardy and therefore warrants additional early closures.

ADVICE TO MINISTER

Police Stats: [increasing liquor-related incidences]

Game 5:

- 2000 liquor pour-outs (VPD)
- 850 liquor pour-outs (South Coast BC Transportation Authority Police)
- 120 violation tickets issued (fighting, liquor offences, public urination)
- 2 dozen arrests for breach of the peace and public intoxication

Game 4:

- 201 Liquor Pour-outs
- 39 Violation Tickets (traffic violations/public urination/open liquor)
- 2 Arrests for Breach of the Peace
- 1 Arrests for Public Intoxication

Game 3:

- 151 Liquor pour-outs
- 25 Violation tickets
- 2 Breach of Peace Arrests
- 1 Arrest for Public Intoxication

Game 2:

- 891 Liquor pour-outs
- 40 Violation tickets
- 28 Breach of Peace Arrests
- 18 Arrests for Public Intoxication

Affected Liquor Stores:

Private Stores.

- Coal Harbour Liquor Store
- Crosstown Liquor Store
- Denman Place Wines
- Dover Arms Liquor Store
- Jimmy's Cold Beer and Wine Store
- Liberty Wines
- Sheraton Vancouver Fine Spirits
- Spirit of Howe Beer and Wine
- St. Regis Fine Wines and Spirits
- Steamworks Licensee Retail Store
- Sutton Place Wine Merchant
- Viti Wine and Lagers
- Yaletown Liquor Store

Public Stores.

- Alberni and Bute
- Robson
- Cardero
- Bute
- Yaletown
- Harbor Centre.

From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Monday, June 13, 2011 12:15 PM

To:

Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Cournoyer, Vince GCPE:EX

Cc:

Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX; Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX; Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject:

RE: VPD

Once I have confirmed that the stores have all received the letter, then yes there is nothing that can't be released. I will let you know when the stores have all been notified.

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To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Cournoyer, Vince GCPE:EX

Cc: Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: VPD

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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 11:56 AM

To: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX; Cournoyer, Vince GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: VPD

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From: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 11:47 AM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Cournoyer, Vince GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: VPD

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Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX

Sent: To: Monday, June 13, 2011 11:45 AM

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'McGuinness, Jana'; Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX

Cc:

Cournoyer, Vince GCPE:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject:

RE: VPD

Thanks Jana, Vince Cournoyer will share our messaging as soon as we get it finalized. We are just waiting for a copy of the actual letter that will be used. I have also contacted Health and will contact our Liquor Control and Enforcement Branch to review the messaging below so they are aware the reference to them.

In Consultation with Vancouver PD

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From: Sent:

Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX

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Monday, June 13, 2011 11:08 AM

To: Subject: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX RE: Issues Note - Closure

Importance:

High

Are the GLS stores: Alberni and Bute Bute Cardero Harbor Centre Robson Yaletown

8th and Cambie

PAB wants to have a statement prepared that, once word is out and they start getting calls, is released to all media. It will be from the SG, and based on the wording in the letter to stores. He asked if, if we have a fairly good draft, I could provide that to him asap. Can I forward that to him?

Cindy Stephenson

Policy, Planning and Communications Liquor Control and Licensing Branch Email: <u>Cindy.Stephenson@gov.bc.ca</u>

New Phone Number: 250 952-5761

New Location: 4th floor, 3350 Douglas Street, Victoria BC

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 10:29 AM

To: Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX **Subject:** Re: Issues Note - Closure

Yes

From: Stephenson, Cindy SG:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 09:45 AM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX **Subject**: Issues Note - Closure

PAB is working on this IN – they have the police stats etc from Friday, but asked for the list of stores for incorporation into the note. Are you OK with me providing that?

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Cc:

Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX

Subject:

RE: Stores

S.22 - we have six stores in the DT Vancouver core - the list I was looking at was our non Signature Stores - the sixth is our Signature Store at Thurlow and Bute which is also open on Monday until 11:00 pm.

Karen, if the Canucks lose tonight I would suspect that tomorrow everybody is going to be asking (including the press) if the early closures are going to be enforced on Wednesday as well.

Jay

----Original Message----From: Chambers, Jay LDB:EX

Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 7:48 AM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Cc: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX

Subject: RE: Stores

Will do

For your information we have five stores in the DT Vancouver core. On Monday's two of them close at 6:00 pm, one at 7:00 pm and two at 11:00 pm. As mentioned last night the reason I was hoping we could deal with it earlier was so that we could cancel shifts wherever possible.

Jay

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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 7:37 AM

To: Chambers, Jay LDB:EX Cc: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX

Subject: Stores

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Vancouver PD

From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX [mailto:Karen.Ayers@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2011 09:52 PM

To: LePard, Doug

Subject: Re: our teleconference

Doug - PSSG's communications director is:

Robert Pauliszyn Communications Director Public Safety and Solicitor General 250 213-5096

Karen

In Consultation with Vancouver PD

From: Sent: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX Sunday, June 12, 2011 9:20 PM

To: Cc: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX

Subject:

Re: Stanley Cup

Yes, no problem. Or if they can't get a hold of me they can always contact Donna Sitter as well.

Robert Pauliszyn

Communications Director

Public Safety and Solicitor General

250 213-5096

---- Original Message -----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2011 08:18 PM

To: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX Cc: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX Subject: Re: Stanley Cup

Robert - I spoke with Deputy Chief LePard, advised him of the decision and we discussed communications. We agreed that the longer we can keep the information from becoming public the more effective the strategy, however expect that once the stores begin to be notified tomorrow early tomorrow afternoon, the media will become aware. We agreed on the need to coordinate messaging. Are you ok with me providing your contact details to Lindsay Houghton and Jana McGuiness from VPD communications so they can be in touch with you? Thanks.

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To: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Bond, Shirley B SG:EX Cc: Douglas, Marc SG:EX; Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Re: Stanley Cup

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Lori

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To: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX Subject: Stanley Cup

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From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Sunday, June 12, 2011 2:06 PM

To:

Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX

Importance:

High

Hi Lori. Sorry to bother you over the weekend but could you please give me a call. I need to alert you to a decision around the Stanley Cup and liquor stores, and to get some advice on communications around that decision. I am at the office right now but leaving in a few minutes so in about half an hour or thereafter will be available by cell

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Thanks.

Karen Ayers Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (250) 952-5791

From: Sent: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Sent:

Friday, June 10, 2011 10:38 PM Lister, Donna O SG:EX; Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject:

Re: IMG00058-20110610-2211.jpg

Thanks d.

---- Original Message -----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 10:17 PM

To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject: Fw: IMG00058-20110610-2211.jpg

From Deputy LePard

In Consultation with Vancouver PD

Meseyton, Robert SG:EX

From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

To:

Subject:

Monday, June 20, 2011 4:00 PM
Meseyton, Robert SG:EX
FW: ER Surveillance for Alcohol Intoxication

Attachments:

Alcohol Intoxication.pdf

From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 11:27 AM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX; Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX; Clark, Bruce SG:EX

Subject: Fw: ER Surveillance for Alcohol Intoxication

In Consultation With Vancouver PD

Non-Responsive

From: Sent:

Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Friday, June 10, 2011 6:29 PM Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

To:

Subject:

Fw:

Fyi and another to come.

---- Original Message ----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 06:09 PM

To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject:

Just spoke with Muriel Homey from the city, they are getting concerned with the number of people down here, more and more are heading this way

From: Sent:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: To: Friday, June 10, 2011 9:16 PM Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject:

Re: Vancouver-20110610-00136.jpg

Hmm

---- Original Message -----From: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 09:06 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Fw: Vancouver-20110610-00136.jpg

Fyi

---- Original Message -----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 08:34 PM

To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject: Fw: Vancouver-20110610-00136.jpg

---- Original Message -----

From:

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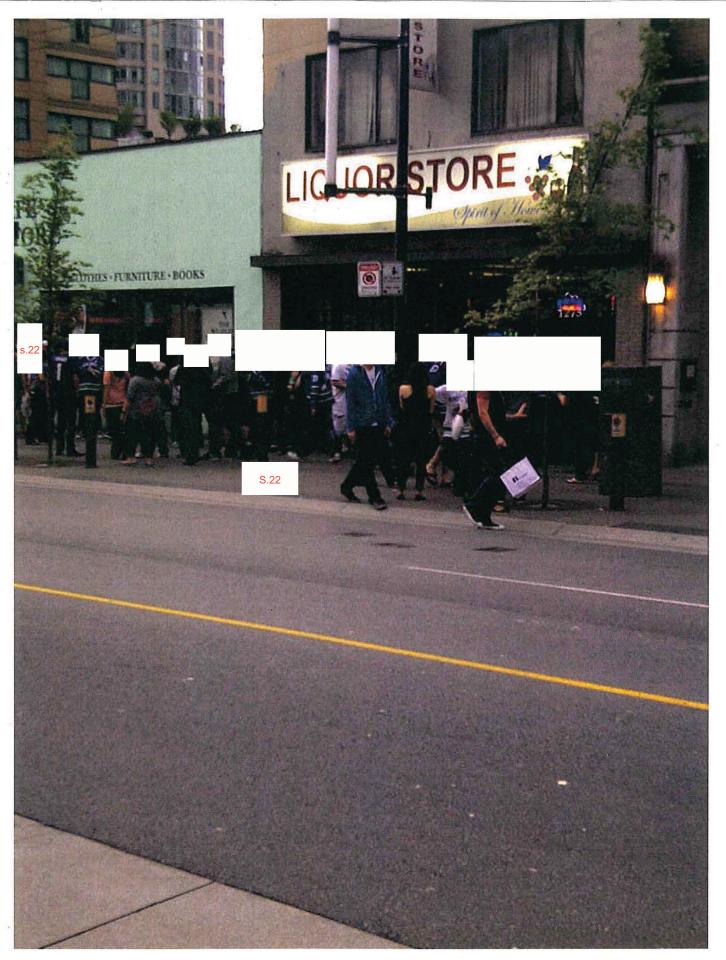
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 08:30 PM

To: Bruce.Edmundsen@gov.bc.ca; Lister, Donna O SG:EX

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1275 Granville - lrs

Sent on the TELUS Mobility network with BlackBerry



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From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Friday, June 10, 2011 9:17 PM Sent: To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX Subject: They haven't asked that we consider that - and if they do we will consider it. ---- Original Message -----From: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 09:15 PM To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Subject: Fw: Fyi ---- Original Message -----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 09:12 PM To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX Subject: Re: There are so many people the police are totally overwhelmed...a couple of them(police) are a bit pissed off with us for not closing the lrs's early ---- Original Message -----From: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 09:07 PM To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX Subject: Fw: The ? I have is where are the police ---- Original Message -----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 08:52 PM To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX Subject: Re: Suggest if that is a problem that we could move to limit the sale. Donna should raise this concern at the monday call ---- Original Message -----From: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 06:29 PM To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Subject: Fw: Fyi ---- Original Message -----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 05:44 PM

To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX Subject:

The sale of micky's out of Jimmies is amazing. Several pourouts but we have seen lots of people go into the west lanes 800 homer pouring their liquor into cups and in the latest we saw a guy that had bought 4 micky's then got on his phone and met buyers in the lane in an underground parking lot

From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Saturday, June 11, 2011 4:25 PM

To:

Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject:

Re: VPD

Sounds good.

---- Original Message ----From: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2011 04:05 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Re: VPD

I'm pretty sure we don't need to book a time so no need for Robert.

Let's make it 12 30 for Donna and Bruce and 1 pm for VPD.

I will advise Donna. She will advise VPD.

I will see you at the office at 12 30 and will let you know if anything changes.

---- Original Message -----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2011 03:22 PM

To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject: Re: VPD

The timing is fine for me - not sure what we need to do to "book" that time as a conf call. Shall I get in touch with Robert?

---- Original Message -----From: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Sent: Saturday, June 11, 2011 02:26 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: VPD

VPD have contacted Donna and want to bump up the conference call to tomorrow. D suggests around 12 or 1. D suggests she and Bruce C speak to us about a half hour before any call to brief us

From: Sent: To: Subject:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sunday, June 12, 2011 6:49 PM Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Fw: Stanley Cup

FYI

I will call Deputy Chief LePard this evening.

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From:

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent:

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 5:37 PM

To:

Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Subject:

Re: Liquor

Agreed

---- Original Message -----From: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 05:33 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Re: Liquor

Downtown before 4 pm. And I think it was GLS. One would think the store manager would take some action in the context. What do they is happening with cases of vodka.

---- Original Message -----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 05:30 PM

To: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX; Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Subject: Re: Liquor

From outside the downtown - or prior to 4 pm?

---- Original Message -----From: Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 05:13 PM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX; Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Liquor

Tv showing huge line ups at liquor stores with some purchasing cases of vodka.

Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 10:46 PM

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Edmundson, Bruce SG:EX To: Subject: Fw: FYI ---- Original Message -----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 10:44 PM To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Subject: Re: Yes, I am with bruce and alex at 2120. It is still not good in the ged, there are several serious injuries and fires. The rest of the team is safely home. ---- Original Message -----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 10:42 PM To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX Subject: Re: All safe? ---- Original Message -----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 09:24 PM To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Subject: Re: Ya, we are a block away but we are now getting the heck out ---- Original Message -----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 09:17 PM To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX Subject: Re: Granville at Nelson quite a crowd. Riot police lined up. 600 Seymour parkade - cars being set on fire. ---- Original Message -----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 09:11 PM To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX Subject: Re: Ya some heading our way, glad we are safe in the office ---- Original Message ----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX 1

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 09:10 PM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Subject: Re:

Tear gas being used on Granville St

---- Original Message -----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 09:07 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Re:

Not for a while, the mutants don't want to leave

---- Original Message -----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 09:06 PM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Subject: Re:

Hopefully it will calm down over the next little bit

---- Original Message -----From: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 09:03 PM

To: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Subject: Re:

I can't believe it, I am so glad I got everyone out

---- Original Message -----From: Ayers, Karen J SG:EX

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 09:02 PM

To: Lister, Donna O SG:EX

Subject:

Granville also now a problem. What a huge disappointment.